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Soldering With Volume Flow
Control**

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Document FP1 (DE 19741192 C5) appears to describe a reflow soldering apparatus for soldering components onto circuit boards. An English abstract of document FP1 is enclosed as document NPL2.

Document FP2 (DE 19826417 A1) appears to describe a continuous furnace. An English abstract of document FP2 is enclosed as document NPL3.

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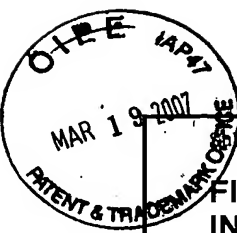
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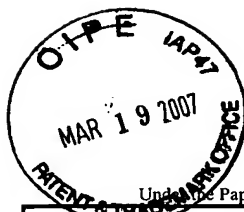
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